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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 2348

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON, USDAO SAIGON 27 FEB 75 FROM NHA TRANG  
REPEATED TO YOU

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NHA TRANG 0110

USDAO FOR AOSOP/OR/IS/IX

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PINT MILI VS

SUBJECT: MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE HIGHLANDS

1. SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT MILITARY INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE IN THE  
CENTRAL HIGHLAND PROVINCES OF DARLAC, PLEIKU, AND KONTUM ON  
FEB 25, 26, AND 27.

2. IN DARLAC, AT 13461 HRS ON FEB 26, 55 KM EAST OF BAN ME THUOT ON  
QL-21, THE COMMUNISTS FIRED ONE B-40 ROUND AT A CONVOY OF THE  
5TH TRANSPORTATION CORPS TRAVELLING FROM BAN ME THUOT TO NHA  
TRANG; ONE 2 1/2 TON TRUCK WAS DESTROYED, BUT NO PERSTNNEL CASUALTIES  
WERE REPORTED. ALSO IN DARLAC, AT 0500 HRS ON FEB 27, THE 225TH RF  
BN CLASHED WITH A COMMUNIST FORCE 15 KM NORTH OF BAN ME THUOT.

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INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE THE COMMUNIST TOOK 12 KIA AND LOST 5

WEAPONS; NO RF CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED AS YET.

3. IN PLEIKU, AT 1200 HRS ON FEB 26, THE 1ST CO. OF THE 2ND BN/44TH ARVN REGT ENGAGED A COMMUNIST FORCE, 14 KM NORTH NORTHWEST OF THANH AN AND REPORTEDLY SUFFERED 1 WIA AS AGAINST 17 COMMUNIST KIA. EARLIER THE SAME DAY, 7 KMS EAST NORTHEAST OF THANH AN, 2 TRILAMBRETTAS TRAVELLING FROM THANH AN TO PLEIKU CITY ON QL-19 WERE BLASTED BY AN ENEMY MINE, RESULTING IN 10 CIVILIANS AND ONE SOLDIER KILLED AND 8 CIVILIANS AND 3 SOLDIERS WOUNDED. BOTH VEHICLES WERE DESTROYED.

4. THE VNAF IS CONTINUING TO STRIKE AT COMMUNIST SUPPLY DEPOTS AND CONVOYS IN KONTUM. ON FEB 25, 26 AIR SORTIES WERE DIRECTED AT COMMUNIST POSITIONS 60 KM NORTHWEST OF KONTUM CITY. THE STRIKES HIT 23 FUEL TANKS 12 OF WHICH BURNED FOR 5 MINUTES EACH (VNAF ESTIMATES EACH CONTAINED 19,500 LITERS OF FUEL) AND 11 OF WHICH DID NOT BURN (PRESUMABLY THEY WERE EMPTY); IN ADDITION, THE STRIKES DESTROYED 20 HOUSES. AND ON FEB 26, 14 AIR SORTIES DIRECTED AT COMMUNIST POSITIONS 51 KM NORTH NORTHWEST OF KONTUM CITY HIT 9 FUEL TANKS, EACH OF WHICH BURNED FOR 10 MINUTES, AND DESTROYED 22 HOUSES.

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